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| Ryoichi Inanami et al.      | ) | Group Art Unit: 2123     |
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| For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  | ) | Confirmation No.: 5029   |
| PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR     | ) |                          |
| DEVICES                     | ) |                          |

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2004, the period for response to which extends through March 29, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.